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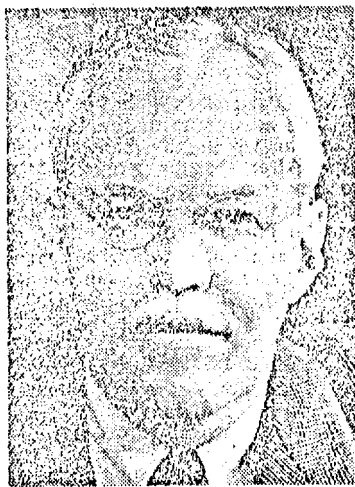
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MR. ALLEN DULLES, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who has died in Georgetown Medical Centre, Washington, aged 75, was regarded as America's master spy.

He virtually created the CIA and was appointed as its chief by President Eisenhower. He held the post until his retirement in 1961 following the abortive landing of Cuban exiles at the Bay of Pigs, which marred the early days of President Kennedy's administration.

During the 1939-45 war, Mr. Dulles, who was a member of the United States Diplomatic Service,



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became involved for the first time in intelligence work. He was station chief in Switzerland of the office of Strategic Services, the CIA's forerunner.

He played a key role in arranging for the Armistice in Austria and Northern Italy in the closing days of the war.

Patrician manners

A man of kindly, patrician manners and great personal charm, Mr. Dulles was the younger brother of Mr. Eisenhower's Secretary of State, the late John Foster Dulles.

He held realistic views about the nature of Russia's post-war aims and of Communism, well before they became fashionable in Washington.

It is sometimes forgotten that in the early days of the post-war Truman era, public opinion in America was still highly coloured by wartime propaganda which pictured Stalin as an avuncular figure rather than a tyrant.

Worked with Britain

Mr. Dulles never felt this way. He worked well and closely with British intelligence and remained a warm anglophile despite unhappy experiences arising from the Burgess and Maclean affair.

He was alert to the fact that Harold Philby represented a serious security risk long before Whitehall. This led to strained relations for a time between the spy services of either country.

Mr. Dulles was born at Watertown, New York, the son of a Presbyterian minister. From Princeton University he entered the United States Diplomatic Service in 1916 and was assigned to Vienna.

He later moved to Switzerland and was with the United States delegation to the Paris Peace Conference after the 1914-18 war. By 1922 he was chief of the Division of Near Eastern Affairs in the State Department. He resigned from the Diplomatic Service in 1926 to practise law.

Mr. Dulles married in 1920 Clover Todd and had a son and two daughters.